Influenza prevention in human populations: Vaccination considerations and the future of vaccines

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Influenza Virus: Surveillance



Reference: http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/weeklyarchives2007-2008/labsummary07-08.htm

### **Genetic and Antigenic Comparisons**

| FT SY97                                  | post-infection ferret sera |                |                      |               |                   |                   |                |                   |                  |                 |                  |                 |               |
|--|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| BE92                                     | A/HK<br>1/68               | A/Eng<br>42/72 | A/Vic<br>3/75        | A/Tex<br>l/77 | A/Bk<br>1/79      | A/Phil<br>2/82    | A/Miss<br>1/85 | A/Shan<br>11/87   | A/Beij<br>352/89 | A/Beij<br>32/92 | A/Jhb<br>33/94   | A/Wuh<br>359/95 | A/Syd<br>5/97 |
| A/Hong Kong/1/68<br>A/England/42/72      | <b>1280</b><br>40          | 320<br>640     | <<br>40              | < <           | < <               | < <               | < <            | < <               | < <              | <               | < <              | < <             | < <           |
| SI87 A/Victoria/3/75<br>A/Texas/1/77     | <<br>40                    | <<br>40        | <b>640</b><br>80     | <<br>1280     | <<br>320          | <<br>160          | <              | <<br>40           | <                | <               | <                | <               | <             |
| A/Bangkok/1/79<br>A/Philippines/2/82     | <                          | 40<br><        | $     40 \\     40 $ | 320<br>80     | <b>1280</b><br>80 | 160<br><b>640</b> | <<br>80        | 80<br>160         | 40<br>80         | <               | <                | <               | <             |
| A/Mississippi/1/85<br>A/Shanghai/11/87   | <<br><                     | <<br>40        | <<br><               | 40<br>40      | 80<br>80          | 80<br>80          | 1280<br>40     | 160<br><b>640</b> | 80<br>80         | <               | <<br><           | <               | <             |
| VI75 A/Beijing/352/89<br>A/Beijing/32/92 | <                          | <              | <                    | <             | <                 | < <               | <              | 80<br><           | 2560<br>80       | <<br>640        | <<br>80          | < <             | <             |
| A/Johannesburg/33/94<br>A/Wuhan/359/95   | <                          | <              | < <                  | < <           | <                 | <                 | <              | <                 | 40<br><          | 80<br>40        | <b>640</b><br>40 | 80<br>1280      | <<br>160      |
| HK68 A/Sydney/5/97                       | <                          | <              | <                    | <             | <                 | <                 | <              | <                 | <                | <               | <                | 160             | 2560          |

- Both genetic and antigenic comparisons are made
- An antigenic distance of four-fold typically yields a change in vaccine isolate
- Selection is based on both antigenicity and ability to produce highyield vaccine product

## Antigenic Map of Influenza H3 Evolution in Humans

 Once influenza viruses enter the human population, they change through antigenic drift

• Clusters defined by changes in recognition of the virus by antibodies

 Vaccines are updated based on changes in circulating strains



Smith et al., Science, 305:371, 2004

## Influenza Virus: Antigenic Sites Antigenic Drift



- Small, continuous change:
  - Variation within the globular head

## Influenza Vaccine Development Cycle (Northern Hemisphere)



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep.* 2006;55:1. World Health Organization. *Wkly Epidemiol Rec.* 2002;77:229-240.

### Vaccination Remains Our Best Method of Prevention Against Influenza Virus

### What about anti-virals?

- Two classes of antivirals that target influenza
- M2 inhibitors (amantadine and rimantadine)
   -resistance develops rapidly
   -current H5N1 viruses are already resistant
   -current H3N2 viruses are resistant (100%)

-NA inhibitors (oseltamivir and zanamivir) -pre-2009 H1N1 viruses were resistant



## Vaccination: Adaptive Immunity

- Acquired Immunity
- Specificity (clearance)
- Memory develops against pathogen
  - Antibody (HA)
  - Goal of vaccination



Figure 1-16 Immunobiology, 6/e. (© Garland Science 2005)

### **Antibody Response to Vaccination**



Figure 1-20 Immunobiology, 6/e. (© Garland Science 2005)

## Neutralization of Viral Particles by Antibodies



Janeway et al., Immunobiology, 2001

### **Epidemic (Seasonal) Influenza Vaccines**

Trivalent or Quadrivalent vaccine H1N1, H3N2, and B viruses

### Single representative isolate (determined by surveillance)

2015-16 vaccine (Northern Hemisphere): February 26, 2015 A/California/7/2009 = H1N1 A/Switzerland/9715293/2013 = H3N2 B/Phuket/3073/2013 = B (Yamagata 88 lineage) B/Brisbane/60/2008 = B (Victoria 87 lineage)





### Influenza vaccines widely used in the U.S.

|                         | Inactivated (IIV)                           | Live, attenuated<br>(LAIV)                                 |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| FDA-approved            | Since 1960's                                | Since 2003   |
| Route of administration | Intramuscular                               | Intranasal   |
| Virus                   | Split-virus or subunit<br>inactivated virus | Cold-adapted, temperature sensitive, live attenuated virus |
| Growth medium           | Chicken eggs                                | Chicken eggs   |
| Indication              | Persons > 6 months                          | Healthy persons 2-49<br>years                              |

# Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (IIV)

 Only hemagglutinin (HA) is included as a standardized component of IIV (15 μg HA content)



Adapted from: Hayden FG, Palese P. Clinical Virology 1997. 911-942.

## Live, Attenuated Influenza Virus (LAIV)

- Major antigens in natural configuration
- Designed to induce an immune response that resembles the response after natural infection



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### **LAIV Properties**



### A. Cold-adapted

- FluMist vaccine strains replicate efficiently at 25°C
- Nasopharyngeal replication induces protective immunity

### **B.** Temperature-sensitive

- Replication is restricted at 37°C (Type B) or 39°C (Type A)
- FluMist replicates inefficiently in the lower airways or lungs

FluMist<sup>™</sup> Prescribing Information. ACIP (Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices). *MMWR 2004 Vol. 53*.

### **Recent Changes to Influenza Vaccines: Trivalent Vaccine Formulations**

- High dose trivalent vaccine
  - Approved for individuals 65 and over
- Trivalent vaccine from cell culture
  - Approved for individuals 18 and over
- Jet injector delivery
  - Approved for individuals 18-64 years of age



H1N1 A/California/7/2009



H3N2 A/Switzerland/9715293/2013

Influenza B Virus



**B** (Yamagata lineage) B/Phuket/3073/2013

#### http://www.cdc.gov/flu/keyfacts.htm, Accessed September 10, 2015

http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2015/09/fda-panel-recommends-adjuvanted-flu-vaccine-seniors, Accessed September 16, 2015

#### Influenza A Virus

## Recent Changes to Influenza Vaccines: Quadrivalent Vaccine Formulations

### Quadrivalent vaccine (2 influenza B virus isolates)

- IIV: Approved for individuals as young as 6 months
- LAIV: Approved for individuals 2-49
- Intradermal: Approved for people 18-64



H1N1 A/California/7/2009



H3N2 A/Switzerland/9715293/2013

**B (Victoria lineage)** B/Brisbane/60/2008

### Influenza B Virus



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### **Recent Changes to Influenza Vaccines**

### **Recombinant trivalent vaccine**

- HA protein
- Egg-free
- Approved for people 18 years and older (January, 2013)



- A/Hong Kong/1/68 HA
- Adjuvanted influenza vaccine
  - MF59: Approved for use in Europe, may be approved in US soon



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### **Issues Facing Influenza Vaccines**

### **Problems with Influenza Vaccines**

### • Time-consuming (6-9 months)

Recombinant HA protein vaccines

### • Egg-based vaccine

- Allergies
- Shortages (pandemic)
- Novartis = cell-based (MDCK) vaccines
- Bacterial contamination
- Inability to grow in eggs
- Mismatch from circulating strains
  - Constant surveillance (WHO = 1952)
- Immunogenicity
  - MF59 adjuvant

### **Future Varieties of Influenza Vaccines?**

- Neuraminidase
- Conserved epitopes
  - HA stem (less variability)
  - M2e (23 conserved amino acids)







A/Hong Kong/1/68 HA

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### Summary

- Surveillance identifies genetic and antigenic changes in influenza viruses
- Vaccination remains our best tool for preventing infection
- Current vaccines come in IIV, LAIV, and recombinant HA forms
- Not all issues have been resolved, and future vaccines are being developed to provide more universal immunity

### **Questions?**

